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Tetzloff, Ally of Older Americans Coordinates Preparedness in U.S.

by Marat Moore

Thousands of elderly Americans affected by destructive tornadoes, hurricanes and floods that regularly cut fierce swaths through the eastern United States have an important ally in Greenbelter Irma Tetzloff. Unknown to them, she has played a key role in planning for their wellbeing in the event of a disaster in her Supervisory Aging Program Specialist position and as regional office liaison for the Administration on Aging (AoA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in Washington, D.C. The AoA was created following the enactment in 1965 of the Older Americans Act.

As the AoA's liaison with seven regions across the country, Tetzloff has coordinated emergency relief efforts with many staff members of state and area agencies on aging, who are key players in "the aging network." Tetzloff also served as the AoA disaster assistance coordinator for the frail elderly and persons with disabilities in cities throughout the U.S. to confront the issues facing older Americans who need assistance and who are caught unprepared in



Irma Tetzloff

an emergency.

"We spend a lot of time helping the aging services network to prepare for how they will respond in the event of a disaster," said Tetzloff. If the worst does occur, "we bypass the managerial levels and form coordinating partners to respond to the situation at hand."

Midwestern Roots

Tetzloff has traveled far from her Midwestern farm roots before arriving in Greenbelt 32 years ago, in 1976, as a mid-level employee

on her way up the federal-government ladder.

"I grew up on a farm in northern Indiana during World War II and the war changed everything," she said. "I knew that farm life was not my calling and that there was a bigger world out there with lots of possibilities."

She worked her way through college, starting with nursing training and then earning a master's degree in counseling and guidance. She saved her money from a job in Ohio and took a leap of faith, moving to Colorado without a job. "I always loved the West," she said, "but the week before I arrived in Denver in 1974, 4,000 professionals were laid off when Martin Marietta lost a government contract."

She regrouped and became a vocational counselor with the War on Poverty program, helping adults become more employable. She enjoyed the work but the program closed and she moved into the Foster Grandparent Program. Auditors there were so impressed during a program field audit that

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Greenbelt Farmers Market Is Becoming a Reality

by Barbara Hopkins

Fresh food locally grown could be easier for Greenbelt residents to come by this summer when the Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) opens in June in the parking lot behind Roosevelt Center. The market will be held on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will close for the season in October.

Kim Kash, president of the newly created GFM board of directors, appeared before the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, March 10 to ask council to partner with GFM in support of the market. Kash explained in a letter to Terri Hruby, assistant director of planning, that the market will be sustained financially through grants and fees assessed to vendors. She told council she has positive commitments of participation from four vendors, with another six expressing interest. She anticipates that the market

will become self-sustaining.

Requests to City

The proposal for the market asked for certain concessions and contributions from the city regarding signage and its storage, assistance with administrative aspects such as insurance requirements and needed permits from the county, assistance with assessing parking requirements, blocking off the parking lot area to be used and trash removal.

Council agenda notes say that the city staff considers the group's request will have minimal impact on city finances and staff. According to staff notes, the loss of 60 parking spaces during the time of the market would be an inconvenience primarily to people using the Aquatic and Fitness Center or the Roosevelt Center but staff adds that a large number

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SHL Citizens Group Holds Organizational Meeting

by Ruth Kastner

A group of Springhill Lake (SHL) residents, together with some concerned Greenbelt residents from elsewhere in the city, met on February 27 at Springhill Lake Elementary School to discuss forming a civic association for Springhill Lake residents. The meeting was organized by Kimberly Paz and Melissa Hines-Rodriguez, each of whom had independently decided that such a group was needed and realized they were both working toward the same goal.

Noting that few Springhill Lake residents had attended the city's recent visioning sessions, Hines-Rodriguez expressed her concern about this lack of citizen involvement and about her sense from the sessions that some Greenbelt residents saw Springhill Lake as a "burden" to the rest of Greenbelt.

Paz expressed her concerns about crime and the community's recent fires but both she and Hines-Rodriguez said that they felt that Springhill Lake has "a lot to offer" in terms of its location and access to services and amenities. They saw

a civic association as a way to fulfill the potential of Springhill Lake and improve communication and participation among its residents.

Among the goals discussed for the new association were to: start a newsletter for the Springhill Lake community; pursue improved intracity public transportation to give SHL residents better access to services and amenities in other parts of Greenbelt; serve as a tenants' association to provide clear information on landlord/tenant law; foster improved communication between residents and the city government; and provide a clear constituency that would be able to bring needs and concerns of SHL residents "to the table." Several residents reminisced about past community events such as the spring picnic, pointing out that local merchants were always generous about donating to these events and discussed the possibility of resuming them.

Attendees set the next meeting date for Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the SHL Elementary School cafeteria.

What Goes On

Saturday, March 22

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

10 a.m., Annual Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Park

Monday, March 24

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, March 26

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Community Center

Thursday, March, 27

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Resolutions on Park Restrooms, Environment before City Council

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council introduced two environmentally friendly resolutions when it met on March 10. The resolutions, introduced for first reading, will be taken up again on March 24 when council hears them for second reading and adoption.

Park Restrooms

One resolution indicates the long wait for public restrooms at Buddy Attick Park may finally be near its end. The resolution authorizes purchase of a prefabricated restroom facility for the park from Romtec, Inc. of Roseburg, Oregon. The price tag is \$101,584, which includes over \$10,000 in shipping costs and an estimate for installation.

The installation estimate makes certain assumptions about the availability of utilities. It does not include costs related to obtaining permits or certain aspects of site preparation and finishing. Assistant Director of City Planning Terri Hruby, present at the meeting, told council the building will have a natural stone base with hardy plank lap siding. There will be an overhang at the entrance.

Although bids were requested from four companies, only two responded. Romtec carries Evergreen Sustainable Buildings designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. Some desirable features of this line include solar lighting, low flow fixtures and recycled materials.

Romtec also provided a list of local contractors that could install the building to LEED certification standards. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that although the product has the potential to meet LEED requirements, the process is expensive and the building may turn out not to be certified.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed concern that there are no local vendors for this product and he thinks shipping something of this size across the country would nullify some of the "green" aspects of the project. He asked staff to look into the restrooms at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge to see how environmentally friendly they are and where they came from. Staff will present this information at

the meeting on March 24 when the resolution is read again.

Cool Capital Challenge

If adopted after a second reading, the other resolution heard by council will establish Greenbelt's endorsement and participation in the locally developed Cool Capital Challenge campaign.

This grass-roots campaign, started in early 2007, has been endorsed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), of which Greenbelt is a member.

The campaign encourages residents, institutions, congregations and businesses to commit to reducing one billion pounds of greenhouse gas production by Earth Day (April 22) of this year and begin implementation no later than October 2008.

Background information provided by COG says that in its first six months the challenge had amassed over 270 billion pounds of greenhouse gas reduction pledges. Energy cost savings across the region that this amount of greenhouse gas reduction will

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In celebration of National Women's History Month, the News Review is publishing a series of four interviews to honor Greenbelt women of achievement.

Letters to the Editor



Chef Karim’s wife Maria dancing in the conga line to “Maria’s Brazilian Friends” during the Mediterranean Banquet benefit for the New Deal Café on Sunday, March 16.

New Happenings at the New Deal Café

Last Sunday evening provided Greenbelt with an opportunity to meet and greet two new members of our community. Chef Karim Kmaiha and his wife Maria have recently agreed to manage the New Deal Café’s restaurant operations. Karim comes to us as an executive chef for many years with the Lebanese Taverna. A native of Lebanon, many of his personal recipes are a part of the Taverna food experience. Maria, a native of Portugal, spent many years in Brazil and even was the head chef for the Brazilian embassy in Norway. To mark the occasion, a special benefit dinner for the New Deal Café was donated by Chef Karim and Maria with help from many of their family and friends. The food was an eclectic mix of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Portuguese and Brazilian with options enjoyed by omnivores, vegetarians and vegans alike.

With the New Deal Café cooperative continuing to organize the arts, music and other events that have become so much a part of Greenbelt’s social and cultural fabric over the last 12 years, Karim and Maria are excited to be a part of helping the Café and the community grow. The music provided by “Maria’s Brazilian Friends” had the sold out attendance dancing the evening away to Jobim classics (Girl From Ipanema), Samba (Carnivale!), Bossa Nova and even a few rounds of Happy Birthday in Portuguese!

Our special thanks to Karim, Maria and all their family and friends as well as to all who turned out to support the Café, including many of the members of the city council and GHI board. The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) organized the ticket sales to great success. The New Deal Café volunteers organized by Café boardmember Don Comis and Barbara Stevens helped to keep the place open and running for over six months! They and all the volunteers and financial contributors (too many to list, you know who you are) are superheroes of the Café community. Thank you.

Karim and his wife, with Café support, are installing what we at

the Café have been all waiting years for . . . a commercial stove and cooking area. Councilmember Rodney Roberts has been integral in helping to organize this effort and is donating his time and expertise. My friend and fellow boardmember Bill Wilkerson is the glue holding all of this together.

The Café will be in transition for the next month while we are upgrading the kitchen and making improvements, so please be patient and stay tuned for the New Deal Café revival, just in time for Spring which we all know is a special time, especially for us Greenbelters. Long live the spirit of New Deal cooperation and positive action!

*Peter May, president
New Deal Café Board*

Commendations

I want to commend Rebecca Boggs, whose front page article in the March 13 edition was very well written, interesting and informative on a subject of extreme importance to all parents of young children. I have often noted that the television industry, which is predicated on the sure and certain knowledge that a 30 second commercial can influence the buying habits of the public, refuses to acknowledge that the endless hours of violence portrayed in its programming has no effect at all on the behavior of young people. Ms. Noorani, who recognizes the importance of play in the lives of young children, is also to be commended for doing something about it.

Harry Zubkoff

Correction

Wayward fingers on the keyboard resulted in the wrong date being announced for the St. George’s Church Glenn Dale Saturday, March 22 egg dying event. The event will be this Saturday – our apologies to anyone who showed up, eggs in hand and found the doors locked. There is more information about the event on page 6.



Our deepest sympathy to Joe and Dorothy Sucher on the death of their son Michael in Vermont on March 8, 2008. His mother was a member of the News Review staff for many years as a writer, reporter and editor.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of longtime former resident Jean Ann Mogel, who died on March 12, 2008, in Conway, S. Car.

Our condolences to Lucy Flam and husband Eli on the death of her son Serge Obolensky, 51, on March 4, 2008, in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Her many Greenbelt friends were shocked and saddened to learn that Dolores Capotosto died on March 14, 2008, in Venice, Fla. We extend our sympathy to her children.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Thomas S. Dean, Sr., of Perry Point, Md., who died on March 9, 2008. Mr. Dean was a Vietnam veteran and a former commander of Greenbelt American Legion Post #136.

Congratulations to four Greenbelters associated with the Boys and Girls Club who were honored by the Prince George’s County Boys and Girls Clubs at their annual banquet March 3: Sean Flanagan, honored as 2008 Boy of the Year; Tyler Murray, honored as 2008 Girl of the Year; and 2008 Adult Distinguished Service Awardees William Winfield and Laurell Voglezon.

Hurrah to the Eleanor Roosevelt Women’s Basketball Team for winning its fourth state 4-A Championship in a row!

Our heartfelt salute to 1998 ERHS graduate Air Force Captain Maurice A. Scales, who was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight resulting from his participation in combat operations over Afghanistan and Iraq. A five-year service member, Scales an instructor navigator regularly assigned to the 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma, flew combat battlespace control missions on E-3 Airborne Warning and Control aircraft while with the 963rd in the Persian Gulf .

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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• WEEK OF MAR. 21 •

• Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13) •

• Friday •

• *5, 7:30, 9:30 •

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• Monday - Thursday •

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On Screen A Day in the Life

“Miss Pettigrew Lives For a Day” stars Frances McDormand as an out-of-work governess who finds herself thrust into the frantic, fantastic lifestyle of an American actress (played by Amy Adams). Based on the novel by Winifred Watson, the action takes place over a single day in 1938 London.

Frances McDormand won the 1997 Oscar for Best Actress for her portrayal of a small-town sheriff in “ Fargo.” Amy Adams charmed Greenbelters in “Junebug” a couple of years ago, and appeared most recently in “Enchanted.”

The film is rated PG-13 for innuendo and partial nudity and runs 92 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Foundation

Greenbelt organizations are encouraged to submit proposals for grants to be awarded in July 2008.

The deadline for applications is
April 1st 2008.

For more information: www.greenbeltfoundation.net

To request an application form email to:
info@greenbeltfoundation.net

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, March 25, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, March 26, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, March 27, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday, March 25, 8:30 a.m., Yard-Lines Committee, GHI Library

Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, GHI lobby

Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors, Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open to members who are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 board meeting schedule has been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays through May.

Explorations Program Is on Automobiles

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by William Marsich on Friday, March 28 on "What You Need to Know About Automobiles." He has 30 years of experience in the automotive industry ranging from work in factories to work in garage shops as a car and truck mechanic. Marsich has earned several licenses that allow him to operate a variety of motor vehicles including motorcycles and tankers. He also has an associate's degree in automotive technology earned from Northern Virginia Community College and a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Maryland. The program will also offer a question and answer session with Marsich about automobiles. Those who want to brush up on automotive knowledge or get answers to long-held questions are invited to join in the discussion. Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Lowman Moon Talk At Meeting March 27

At its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m., the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will present a talk by Dr. Paul D. Lowman of Goddard Space Flight Center on "Astronomy from the Moon: Why, Where and How?" Lowman is currently a geophysicist in the Planetary Geodynamics Laboratory. His research interests include lunar geology, comparative planetology, global tectonics, remote sensing and petrology.

The meeting will be held in the Planetarium of the Owens Science Center at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

Call for Green Man Mask Entries

CHEARS and the Green Man are issuing a call now for mask-making artists to express the "Circle of All Beings," as part of the Fourth Annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival. This year's theme is the "Art of Healing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed from the Mountains to the Sea." The desired artistic expression, through mask-making, is to be created from natural and/or recycled materials. Entries are sought from all skill levels and all ages.

In keeping with the Green Man theme of respect for the diversity of all beings, submissions may represent any aspect of nature – animals, humans, plants, rocks, stars and sand are some of many possibilities. Masks do not have to be wearable but must be ready to hang on a wall. They are to be delivered to the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, on Sunday, April 27 between 7 and 8 p.m. Subject to space limitations, all masks will be on display at the New Deal in a special Green Man exhibit until May 27 and will be displayed on the CHEARS (Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society) website. Masks may be offered for sale by the artists.

On Sunday, May 4 an artists' reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., sponsored in part by Friends of the New Deal Café Art.

Future Events

Related events include an Artful Afternoon Mask Making at the Greenbelt Community Center, also held on May 4. The Green Man Festival will be held on May 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. There will be an additional opportunity for mask making and a mask wearing parade will be held as part of the festivities. On Saturday, June 21 CHEARS will sponsor a Summer Solstice Circle of All Kinds/All Beings concert and celebration.

For more details on the festival and the call for entries visit the CHEARS website at <http://chears.org/> or the Green Man website at greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org. For further information or questions email Maggie@chears.org or joanfalcão@verizon.net or call 301-642-4851.

LIVE Theater

Week of March 21

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GATE Has Annual Meeting March 30

The Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 30 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the GATE Studio on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. GATE members are urged to attend. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The guest speaker is Katie Houghton, a certified Adobe instructor, who will demonstrate Flash for animation and integration with Creative Suite 3. Those with an interest in Flash should not miss this presentation.

Networking and refreshments will follow the meeting. Plan to come early as space is limited. For questions or further information call the GATE Studio at 301-507-6581.

Charlestowne Village Condo Elects Officers

At the 2008 annual meeting held March 11 the members of Charlestowne Village Condominium elected three directors to their seven-member board. Elected to the open positions were Rev. Booker T. Hughes, Carolyn (Sue) Schultz and Mary L. Dotson.

After the general elections the board members held their election of officers. The 2008 board members and officers are Daisy M. Brown, president; Donald Bowen, vice president; Carolyn (Sue) Schultz, secretary; Rev. Booker T. Hughes, treasurer; and directors Martin L.K. Lee, Mary Dotson and Allyn R. Hill.

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Greenbelt Community Center at 7 p.m. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Easter Activities can be found on page 6.

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

will be holding registration for

2008 SOCCER season

on Wed., March 12 through

Mon., March 31

at the Greenbelt Youth Center

from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There will be a U-14 co-ed team this year as well.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

BOARD MEETING

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 27, 2008

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Unpermitted Over-height Vinyl shed, 4D Laurel Hill
- Proposed Gardenside Wood Fence, 13Q Ridge Road
- Unpermitted Replacement of Privacy Screen, 6Z5 Plateau
- Yard Line Certification: 58 Ridge Road
- 2008 Community Beautification Program
- 2008 Spring & Fall Gutter Cleaning Contract – 2nd Reading
- Contract for Uniforms for Maintenance Employees – 2nd Reading
- Request for Contributions
- Schedule Stakeholder Meeting
- Proposed Committee Restructuring
- Resolution to Open Account with Vanguard
- Support of USDA Forest Stewardship Funding

Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Practice Spanish Thursday at Café

A free Spanish Conversation Group for intermediate-level speakers or higher will meet every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Come stimulate brain cells and practice Spanish with the group in a friendly setting while enjoying a refreshment from the Café. For questions or further information call Barbara Logan at 301-474-1979.

Watershed Cleanup Volunteers Needed

The 20th annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. at two sites in Greenbelt.

The Springhill Lake stream cleanup will begin at the SHL Recreation Center. Volunteers are asked to meet at the parking lot there. The Braden Field stream cleanup will begin near the Aquatic and Fitness Center. Meet at the lower parking area.

The 20th annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup is a part of the Trash-Free Potomac Watershed Initiative, a region-wide effort spearheaded by the Alice Ferguson Foundation to reduce trash and litter and increase recycling, education and awareness of trash issues in the Potomac Watershed. Their goal is a "Trash-Free Potomac by 2013."

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

1st Saturday of the month

10 – 2 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!

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Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club always welcomes guests and new members. Several people have asked for information about joining the club. So here goes: any resident of Greenbelt 60 years or older is eligible. In case of a married couple only one member needs to be 60. It's that simple; so come to a meeting and join up. Enjoy lots of activities such as mystery trips, luncheons, dinner theaters and picnics and really enjoy getting together on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

Dr. Stephani Trifoglio, internist specializing in geriatrics, will be the speaker on March 26. The Anniversary Luncheon is on April 16 at 11 a.m. at the 94th Aero Squadron in College Park.

We were saddened by the death of Dolores Capotosto and send condolences to her family. Dolores was a longtime member and was living in Florida at the time of her death.

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Week of MARCH 21

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10,000 B.C., PG-13

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Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, PG-13 (!)

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Obituaries

Michael Sucher

Michael Sucher, 49, piano and keyboard player and composer, died of lung cancer on March 8, 2008, at his home in Montpelier, Vermont. He had worked with many musicians and groups in both the Washington area and Vermont. While known primarily as a keyboardist, he also played guitar, bass and harmonica and sang. In addition he was a music teacher and an accredited practitioner of the Feldenkrais Method, a form of body awareness through movement.

Sucher was born and grew up in Greenbelt, where he learned to play the guitar and formed his first musical group, Theory in Practice, with several high school classmates. The group's first public performance took place at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

He attended the University of Maryland, where he majored in both electrical engineering and music, studying piano with jazz keyboardist Ron Ellison. After obtaining a B.S. in engineering he worked as a software engineer at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. He wrote a program for an instrument designed to measure properties of black holes and neutron stars which is still in use on a satellite called the Rossi X-ray Timing Explorer. Later he was employed at several private software firms in Maryland and Vermont. Music, however, was always his first love.

Combining his knowledge of science and music, he gave a memorable guest lecture/performance at the University of Maryland in a "Physics of Music" course given by his father, physics professor Joseph Sucher. This performance was videotaped and is still in use in the Physics Department today.

Michael was a founding member of the legendary D.C. progressive jazz group Rush Hour and appeared and recorded with many Washington area musicians, including the late great guitarist Danny Gatton, blues guitarist Tom Principato and later with Grammy-nominated multi-instrumentalist Tim Eyermann's East Coast Offering.

After moving to Vermont, Sucher began working with R&B diva Sandra Wright, with whom he co-produced the CD "After Hours," featuring saxophonist Big Joe Burrell. In the summer of 2004, Sucher toured Europe with two-time Grammy-nominated soul and blues artist Mighty Sam McClain. Sucher performed with



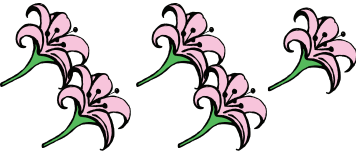
many other musicians up and down the East Coast and beyond. He was always in demand as a keyboardist because of his mastery of jazz, R&B, rock and roll and pop. In 2001 he released a CD of solo piano improvisations, "Fingerpaintings," which received critical praise.

In 1995 he married Carol Hauser. Michael and Carol moved to Fairlee, Vt., in 1996 and later to Montpelier. Their daughter Rachel was born in 1999.

In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by his parents, former Greenbelters Joe and Dorothy Sucher of Silver Spring and Cabot, Vt., and brothers Gabriel of Rockville and Anatol of San Francisco and Anatol's wife Ann Rasmussen. Michael was predeceased by his sister Anne. He is also survived by his aunts, Erica and Yael Sucher and Lillian Gruen.

Easter Sunrise Service Planned

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, March 23 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. The rain location will be the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to the park.



Dolores Capotosto

Longtime Greenbelter Dolores Capotosto died March 14, 2008, in Venice, Florida, of pulmonary fibrosis. The family is planning a memorial service to be held in Greenbelt at St. Hugh's church at a later date.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open heart, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 10:00am



Saturday, March 22 – Lenten Prayer Vigil 10:00-11:00am

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org
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March 23, 10 a.m.
"Lo, the Earth Awakes Again"
by Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers,
with Michael Leger, worship associate
All ages service – Celebrate spring. There will be a child dedication
(Please bring a flower for each member of your family to share.)



St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

**7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org**

Holy Week Services:

Great Vigil of Easter Service, March 22, 2008, at 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service, March 23, 2008, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Please call the church office for additional information.
The number is 301-262-3285

An inclusive congregation!



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday, March 23

Special Festival Communion service at 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt and reception following



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Who is Bahá'u'lláh?

Bahá'u'lláh (Glory of God in Arabic), the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, was born in Persia in 1817. Baha'u'llah announced in 1863 that He is God's messenger for this age, the most recent in a long line of messengers. He himself stated that he is not God's final messenger. His teachings and sacred writings are the basis of the Bahá'í Faith.

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

Come visit our booth at the Labor Day Festival!
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us



Greenbelt Baptist Church

**101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org**

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322**



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

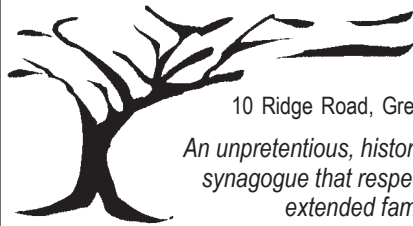
Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*



Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

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synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your
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Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt**

**SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**SERVE BREAKFAST
AT S.O.M.E.**

Sunday, March 30

**Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM**



GIVE THANKS

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."
– The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.



Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)**

March 23 – Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!!!

Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together

Obituaries

Jean Ann Mogel

Jean Ann Mogel, age 82, of Myrtle Trace, S.Car., formerly of Greenbelt and Reading, Pa., died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Conway Medical Center.

Mrs. Mogel was born in Wilmington, Del., a daughter of the late William W. and Mabel Lutz. She was a graduate of Reading High School in Reading, Pa., in 1943. Mrs. Mogel worked for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Beltsville until her retirement in 1988. She was active in the Greenbelt Community Church and was instrumental in founding the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Mrs. Mogel was predeceased by a daughter, Jan Lee Perini.

Surviving are her husband, Robert W. Mogel of Conway, S.C.; one daughter, Marsha Ann (Mogel) Reed of Conway, S.Car.; one son, Robert W. Mogel, Jr. of Taneytown, Md.; one grandson, Jason C. Reed and wife Kendra of Gilmanton Iron Works, N.H.; granddaughter, Jillian Reed of Brentwood, Tenn; and three great-grandchildren, Jackson Brody Reed, Keegan Quinn Cole and Logan Mica Cole.

No services are planned.

Memorials may be sent to Covenant Hospice, 241 Singleton Ridge Road, Conway, SC 29526 or to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02115 or to the charity of one's choice.

There is an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Widowed Persons Support Group

A new six-week support group for widowed men and women will begin April 3. The program is led by trained volunteers from the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is co-sponsored by AARP and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. It is open to widowed persons of all ages, races and creeds. There is no fee.

During the six-week period the group shares experiences and exchanges practical information while discussing published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Many widowed persons have found the emotional support and friendship provided in such groups to be helpful in going on with their lives.

The sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. in the first-floor café at Rexford Place, 9885 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. The series starts April 3 and ends May 8. Registration is required. To register or for further information call Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

Arboretum Viewing Stone Exhibit Opens

From March 8 through April 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, the U.S. National Arboretum hosts the Potomac Viewing Stone Group exhibit. Private collectors display stones, suiseki and scholars' rocks from their private collections. A free lecture, "Introduction to Viewing Stone Collecting," will be presented on April 6 at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Potomac Viewing Stone Group, a regional organization dedicated to stone appreciation.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL March 24, 2008– 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Proposed FY 2009 City Budget -- City Manager of Grants for City Programs

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

*Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Public Restroom to Be Located in Buddy Attick Park with Romtec, Inc., of Roseburg, Oregon, at a Lump Sum Cost of \$101,584 (2nd Reading, Adoption)
A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Endorse and Participate in the Cool Capital Challenge (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

Bicycle Racks at Roosevelt Center

Award of Purchase -- Carpet

Award of Purchase -- Replacement Vehicle for Code Enforcement State Legislation

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Youth Soccer League (4 & 5 year olds) Limited Space!!

Join us this spring in a league that is a perfect opportunity for young children to get oriented with the sport of soccer in an atmosphere emphasizing sportsmanship and having fun. Each player will receive a team shirt and socks. All players will also receive a medal at the conclusion of the season.

When: Tuesday Practices @ 6pm; Saturday Games @ 10am
(Practices begin Tuesday, April 1)

Where: Braden Field #2

Fee: Resident \$40, Non-Resident \$50

For info call: 240-542-2194

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

Yes!!!

PLASTIC Narrow Neck #1 and #2 (**Empty and rinse)

Examples: Beverage bottles, milk jugs, ketchup bottles, salad dressing bottles, detergent bottles and shampoo bottles.

METAL/ALUMINUM Food and Beverage cans (**Empty and rinse)

Examples: Beverage, soup, tuna, vegetable and pet food cans.

GLASS food and beverage containers (**Empty and rinse)

Examples: Beverage bottles, baby food and mayonnaise/relish jars.

PAPER

Examples: Newspapers and inserts (plastic bags removed), computer and office paper, telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, cereal and food product boxes, corrugated cardboard packing boxes.

No!!!

- Yogurt containers and margarine tubs
- PLASTIC BAGS (Grocery stores accept bags for recycling)
- Salad bar containers
- Bottles that once held hazardous products such as automotive and garden products
- Caps and lids
- Scrap metal
- Pots and pans
- Aluminum foil or pie plates
- Mirror or window glass
- Drinking glasses
- Cookware
- Pottery and ceramics
- Caps and lids
- Wax or plastic coated boxes such as frozen food boxes
- Paper milk or juice cartons
- Plastic inner liners of food product boxes
- Paper towels, napkins or tissues
- Styrofoam

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER 2008 SPRING CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS

Tuesday, March 25th through Saturday, May 17th
Registration for Passholders & Residents:
March 17th & 18th
Open Registration: March 19th, until filled

2008 SPRING ADULT SWIM LESSONS
Tuesday, March 25th through Thursday, May 15th
Registration for Passholders & Residents:
March 17th & 18th
Open Registration: March 19th, until filled

ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 22, 10:00am
Buddy Attick Park



Bring your basket and help the Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden. Mister Bunny will visit Buddy Attick Park (Greenbelt Lake) and all egg hunters, ages 18 months through 6th grade, are invited to join him. The hunt will begin promptly at 10:00am. In case of inclement weather, festivities will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008 at Buddy Attick Park. Please call the weather hotline, 301-474-0646, the morning of the hunt for updated event status.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 24th at 8pm
City Council Meeting (live), Tuesday, March 25th at 7:30pm and Thursday, March 27th at 7:30pm, City Council Meeting (replay).
Tuesday, March 25th, 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert -- Capital Hospice," 11am & 7:00pm: "Ask the Expert -- IRS Economic Stimulus Package."
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday, March 26th at 7pm GATE presents Annual Meeting 2007.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, March 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.
Donation drop-off is now twice a month on the second and fourth Saturdays.

Feral Cats Seminar

The City of Greenbelt Animal Control Division invites you to attend a seminar to obtain important information about free-roaming cats in our neighborhoods. The seminar will be presented by Prince George's Feral Friends, SPCA, Inc. on Wed Mar 26, at 7:00 PM in room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

For more information call (301) 345-5417.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS

Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources has established permanent collection sites for Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill, 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro. County residents may dispose of their home-generated hazardous waste and old computers and electronics on Thursdays and Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and on Sundays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information, call 301-883-5045 or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.

Seniors/Disabled Individuals: If you have no one living with you able to transport your hazardous waste, special arrangements can be made for collection at your home.
Contact Bob Redding, P.G. County Recycling Office, at 301-883-6026.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IN GREENBELT: The City will hold an electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 26th, 9am-12pm, at Greenbelt Public Works.

Streetlight out?

Report it to PEPCO at <http://www.pepco.com>.
All that you need is the pole number, which is found on a metal plate at the base of the pole.

Farmers Market Decision Follows Years of Study

by Brian St. George

On March 10 the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to approve and support plans for a Farmers Market to take place on Sundays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the parking lot located between the New Deal Café and the Community Center. The city will also be an active partner in the process, as will the Greenbelt Co-op. The Farmers Market is scheduled to begin in June 2008.

The idea of a Farmers Market first began four or five years ago when a Research and Marketing Committee, formed to help enhance Roosevelt Center, indicated a farmers market could help drive business for other Roosevelt Center merchants. In the summer of 2007 Greenbelter and president of Greenbelt OM, Kim Kash, along with fellow Greenbelter Kimberly Rush-Lynch, a professional food counselor, met to determine how they could get a farmers market started in Greenbelt.

Kash and Lynch are proponents of organic gardening and the “shop local” movement happening all over the world. Shopping locally is seen as good for the environment, the economy and the community. Using less energy and alleviating our dependence on foreign oil is something even President Bush has suggested might be a good idea.

Supporting local business, in this view, supports your neighbor, which has a direct impact on local property values. The community benefits through fresher products from producers they know. No relationship can be more personal than the one we have with the food we eat.

As part of the process, the two Kims met with Terri Hruby, city planner, and the city’s Public Works Department to ensure that the entire community’s needs would be considered before presenting their proposal. The Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) bylaws state in part all food must be grown within 100 miles of Greenbelt,” (Rule #1), and it must be organic, (Rule #2). Kash indicated that getting consistency in organic approval is a “complicated can of worms.”

Standards vary, she said, and associated costs may prevent some farmers from getting formal organic certification. It’s possible that some farmers adhere to higher standards than those set by a national organization but cannot or choose not to get organic



certification. According to Kash there are numerous organic farms within 100 miles of Greenbelt, including orchards and a bio-dynamic farm.

Year one of the Greenbelt Farmers Market will focus exclusively on the food. Depending on how events turn out, other items such as crafts may be included. All farmers who participate will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

The Greenbelt Co-op has been supportive and provided a grant to help the Farmers Market incorporate. Each of the farmers will also have an opportunity to be a vendor to the Co-op.

In addition, the Co-op will carry certain products from the Farmers Market on a weekly basis. Thus if one can’t make it to the market on Sunday, some products will be for sale at the Co-op on Monday, clearly labeled.

In light of the recent recall of 143 million pounds of beef from a slaughterhouse in California and tainted products from China, some consumers are becoming concerned. Also, the processed food we eat contains hundreds of non-food products.

In response, consumers worldwide have taken and continue to take action to ensure the safety of their food supply. Purchasing food from a farmer at a local market or a Co-op allows one to ask questions and hear answers directly from the producer or owners.

Kash said, “Some people just want to shake hands with the person who grew their food and look them in the eye” – a rare occurrence in the age in which we live.

For further information call Kim Kash at 301-220-0084 or email her at kkash@greenbeltom.com.

Boating Safety Class Starts on March 31

Learn to be a more knowledgeable boater by taking advantage of classes provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

“How to Read a Nautical Chart” is a new course for beginning and veteran sailors alike. It begins on Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at Bowie High School, Rt. 450 (Annapolis Road), one mile East of Rt. 197. The class consists of two sessions on Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The course takes the mystery out of interpreting the nautical chart, the basic tool of navigation. Even though GPS is a precise tool, it is important to also read the nautical chart.

Pre-register by sending email to fsope73@attglobal.net or call Thornell Jones at 301-332-1864.

Wildlife Visitor Ctr. Remains Closed

The National Wildlife Visitor Center, which closed last fall for repairs and renovation, remains closed and will not re-open until this fall. The center received additional funding to enable more extensive (and badly needed) work to the heating/ventilation system, resulting in a more energy-efficient and “greener” system. Meanwhile, outdoor programs will continue.

Weekend public tram tours on the Visitor Center grounds will begin the first weekend in April despite the building closure.



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of parking spaces would remain in other lots nearby.

Other GFM requests could not be met, however, because they would require paying overtime to city employees or because they were beyond the purview of the city. By the night of the meeting, these issues had been largely resolved, however, so that council was comfortable supporting the venture.

A motion by Councilmember Rodney Roberts to approve the request for support was approved by a vote of five to zero. Council agreed to partner with GFM for one season and then re-evaluate its position as well as the appropriateness of the size and presence of the farmers market in this location.

Other Support

A farmers market in Greenbelt, perhaps under the arm of the Co-op, was recommended back in 2003 by the Roosevelt Center Market Study as a means to enhance the economic vitality of the Center. Dorrie Bates of the Greenbelt Supermarket Co-op told council the Co-op’s board supports the establishment of a farmers market in Greenbelt but will not partner in the venture at this time. Bates said the Co-op has been involved with GFM volunteers from the beginning and is impressed with their work.

A farmers market in Greenbelt was also suggested and discussed during the Greener Greenbelt Charrette.

Kash said GFM early on approached the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group as a partner in educating people about where food comes from and the environmental and other advantages of eating “within the foodshed,” as the Beaverdam Creek group terms eating food grown within the consumer’s watershed.

Other groups supporting GFM include The Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society; the Greenbelt Arts Center; Roosevelt Merchants Association; Greenbelt Om Community Yoga and Cultivating Health. Kash told council the market should enhance businesses at Roosevelt Center, as people drawn there for the farmers market could complete their purchases at the Co-op or other stores. Their presence in the Center would increase the likelihood of their patronizing other businesses as well.

Kash further stated that the market would also support agriculture in the region. She anticipates that it will serve as a means of bringing the community together and educating people about the source of their food. She is contacting local food banks about picking up any leftover food items.

GFM has incorporated and is in the process of applying for 501(c)3 (non-profit) status with the IRS. People who wish to offer financial or other support or those seeking to learn more, may do so by visiting www.greenbelt-farmersmarket.org.

How to Create A Green Home

Plant trees to provide shade and wind protection for the home. This simple step can help save money on heating and air conditioning bills while providing beautiful views around the home.

– U.S. Green Building Council

Easter Activities



Dye Easter Eggs At St. George’s

On Saturday, March 22 at 10 a.m. St. George’s Church Glenn Dale Parish will hold a free Easter Eggstravaganza in Miller Hall.

Join in the fun of children and adults coloring Easter eggs. The eggs will be hidden for the annual children’s Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, the following day. People are also welcome to bring some eggs to decorate and take home with them.

For more information call 301-262-3285. St. George’s is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road in Glenn Dale.

City’s Egg Hunt Is on March 22

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will have its Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22 promptly at 10 a.m. Children 18 months through sixth grade are invited to bring their basket and help Mister Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden. Mister Bunny will be visiting Buddy Attick Park (Greenbelt Lake).

In case of inclement weather, festivities will be held on Monday, March 24 at Buddy Attick Park. Call the weather hotline at 301-474-0646 the morning of the hunt for updated event status.

Marietta Has Egg Hunt on March 24

Children ages 3 to 12 are invited to bring a basket and join the fun on the grounds of Marietta Mansion on Monday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to search for Easter eggs. Entertainment and face painting will be included in this free program.

Marietta Mansion is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard.

For information call 301-352-8983, TTY 301-218-6768.



Hallelujah Easter Party

Saturday March 22, 2008
2:00 PM

For: Ages 4 years old to 6th Grade
Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Story, Crafts, and Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol Movie

Sponsored by:
Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
(301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org
greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net

That's My Opinion

The City Council Election Process Needs Revision

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council should take the lead in initiating a process to examine the city's current election procedures to encourage greater minority participation and preserve the many fine features of the current election process that have allowed Greenbelt citizens the enjoyment of a relatively high level of good governance over the past 70 years. Such a process should involve as many members of the community as possible so that all points of view may be heard and considered.

According to the 2000 census data, the majority of the City of Greenbelt's population consists of recognized minority groups (58.1 percent). There are more Black or African Americans (43.1 percent) than White (41.9 percent). Eight years later, there is still no representation on the Greenbelt City Council of any minority group.

Recently, the Gazette Newspapers reported that the president of the Upper Marlboro Democratic Club requested the Prince George's County chapter of the NAACP to review Greenbelt City Council election procedures to determine if they are discriminatory. It was also reported that the NAACP would study the matter and could take action at a later date to seek changes in city election procedures.

Council-Manager

As a model community, Greenbelt was established with a model charter of that time (1930s) for council-manager government. That form of government for cities and counties has increased substantially throughout the country since Greenbelt became a city. However, with time, a greater variety of methods for electing a governing body has become acceptable under the plan. While a small elected council is preferred, small is considered between five and nine members. Greenbelt's council has only five members.

Many council-manager governments have councilmembers elected by districts, some

by a combination of districts and at-large, while others still elect all members at-large. All Greenbelt councilmembers are elected at-large.

More important to the council-manager form of government than how the governing body is elected is that the council is responsible for employing a qualified professional to manage the day-to-day operations of the city, subject to the policy directives set forth by the council.

There are many possibilities for restructuring the city council. No one single way is better than another. Greenbelt should select a plan that will work best for Greenbelt.

One possibility is to increase the size of the council from five to seven members. Of these, two or three would be elected at large, the remainder from districts. The Prince George's County Board of Elections has already divided Greenbelt into five precincts. Those boundaries could be a basis for Greenbelt districts.

A concern raised with councilmembers elected from districts is that they become parochial in their points of view and are not interested in the community as a whole. Perhaps this problem, if it is one, could be ameliorated by a process that would enable all candidates to run both at-large and from districts in which they reside, with the highest vote getters being elected at-large as the mayor and mayor pro tem.

With many variations possible, it is important there be open public discussion of the choices and a process to determine the best system that will work for Greenbelt and encourage greater minority participation in our government – one that is the result of our own community's deliberations and not one that may be forced upon us by outside pressures.

This article reflects the opinion of James Giese who is a former city manager of Greenbelt, serving for more than 29 years in that position.

County Is Conducting A Housing Survey

The Prince George's County Housing Affordability Survey has been mailed to 32,000 randomly selected households in the county. The Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) arranged for the survey to gather information on residents' housing costs, needs and satisfaction with their current housing situation.

The survey is to provide policy makers with the data and analysis needed to develop housing-related planning and policy initiatives in Prince George's County to meet residents' current and future needs. Survey results will also better inform the development and business communities of areas essential to achieving housing and economic development goals in the county.

M-NCPPC has hired Macro International Inc., an independent research firm, to mail and receive the surveys, follow up with households that do not respond and analyze survey results. Housing affordability surveys have been mailed with telephone follow-up as needed to maximize the response rate.

More information on the 2008 Housing Affordability Survey is available online at www.mncppc.org/pgco or by calling 301-952-3282. Se habla español.

Plant Movies Shown At Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden will present a free lecture, "Plants in Motion" by Roger Hangarter, professor of biology, Indiana University on Thursday, March 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In this presentation Hangarter will use a number of movie clips to discuss how he uses time-lapse technology in his research to translate the timescale of plants into one more familiar to us. He will also present some nature movies he has made about non-plant organisms and will demonstrate some of the techniques and equipment he uses to make the movies. Pre-registration is required; call 202-225-1116.

Smith Center Hosts World Music

On Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. the UM School of Music presents "Rhythm and Strings," featuring Dawn Avery, Mohawk percussion and cello; Behfar Behdoran, Persian tar and daf; and Thomaz DeCastro, Brazilian percussion and berimbau. These guest artists join Mande Djali Amandou Kouyate to mix traditional cultures and create a contemporary world fusion. This free concert will take place in Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

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Cast, clockwise from 6 o'clock, Susan Harper, Kenya Fairley, Amethyst Dwyer, Gena Wilson, Greta Ehrig, Ann Elsen, Misha R'kingsley, Michelle Johnson, Hopi Auerbach, Amityyah Hyman and Karen Irving.

Monologues Wins Applause At Greenbelt Arts Center

by Brian St. George

On March 8, International Women's Day, the Greenbelt Arts Center presented two performances of The Vagina Monologues to two enthusiastic crowds who had claimed all available tickets early.

The Monologues, written by Eve Ensler in 1996, represent interviews she conducted with 200 women about their views on sex, relationships and violence against women. The genesis of the idea sprang from the violence that exists in society, especially relating to women being raped, violated and being the victims of incest. As these crimes are connected to vaginas, the title was natural.

Originally written to "celebrate the vagina and femininity" the play morphed into a movement to stop violence against women. The proceeds from these performances, over \$2,000, and all performances of the Monologues go to programs whose goal is to end violence against women – the recipient for this performance was the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County and V-day International. The play has been performed sometimes by one woman playing several different roles and other times by multiple women, each representing different women and their experiences.

Greenbelter Joanie Comproni, 56, commented, "it was beautifully presented, as an older women with various experiences the content was dead on! It was accurate, meaningful and got right to the source, it couldn't have been explained any better, it covered the whole emotion of being a woman. The vagina is just a representation of the entire emotional reality of being a woman." That observation seemed to be held by a majority of the crowd, who were about 90 percent female of various ages. Bill Hardy, 46, of Waldorf, father of two daughters, made the 45-minute drive to attend with his significant other, Heather Bartlett, 37. He indicated that he was "pleased to see the Arts Center presenting this material." He indicated

that the message (the prevention of violence against women) is a problem and needs to be brought out into the light.

Omega Phi Beta was there representing V-day International selling information about Eve Ensler, V-day and other related material.

Sandra Jones of the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County said the play represents "everything we think about but never say." Toshiba Sharon, 29, of Bowie said he was there to support a friend in the cast. He enjoyed the atmosphere and had no expectations. "I thought it was going to be horrible," he said jokingly, "but I was pleasantly surprised at how comical parts were." Dottie Spivacke who is on the board of the Greenbelt Art Center, was seeing the play for the first time said, "I didn't know what to expect." "It was "powerful, it made me laugh, it made me cry, it makes you think a lot."

Greenbelter Amethyst Dwyer, director, producer, narrator and lead vagina, selected an excellent cast, some of whom were on stage for the first time. The women were various ages, ethnicities, sizes and shapes establishing a realistic representation of women. In particular Misha R'kingsley gave an amusing, emotional and powerful performance of "My Angry Vagina." Michelle Johnson and Ann Elsen on stage for the first time both gave strong performances of their respective monologues as did all the actresses and a bravo to Susan Harper who took the crowd through the "vagina workshop."

Some "not so happy facts" were cited regarding rape, gang rapes in war zones and genital mutilation. On the positive side V-day events have raised nearly \$50 million to help end violence against women.

Special consideration was given to the women of New Orleans who have had to suffer through economic hardship, racism and insufficient healthcare. A special V-day performance will be held there on April 12.

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produce is estimated at over \$26 million.

Analysis by COG staff of the area's greenhouse gas emissions indicates only four percent of greenhouse gas emissions are created by local governments; the rest are products of individuals, businesses, congregations and other public groups. Hence, COG considers that a joint venture between the public and private sectors is required.

COG's Climate Change Steering Committee considers the Cool Capital Challenge provides such a cooperative effort.

Staff notes to the agenda describe some of the ways Greenbelt is reducing its carbon contribution: geothermal heating and cooling systems and other "green" aspects of the new Public Works building, the city's purchase of a hybrid vehicle and the possibility of installing energy-efficient heating and cooling systems at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Ed James of Greenbelt's Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) told council his committee endorses the process. Davis suggested REAC would be the logical avenue for promoting this endeavor in Greenbelt.

People who want to support this movement that promotes energy savings and environmental stewardship may join by making their own commitments to reduce carbon dioxide production. Visit the web site at <http://www.cool-capitalchallenge.org>.

Examples of pledges from the initiative include replacing existing light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs; conducting energy audits and adding insulation; maintaining heating and cooling equipment; using van pools, telecommuting and/or using public transit and planting trees and shrubs strategically.

Next DCH Lecture On Venous Disease

On Tuesday, March 25 Doctors Community Hospital (DCH) will hold its third free lecture in the Coffee & Conversations series. Dr. Alozie Uneze, a DCH doctor in vascular and interventional radiology will speak on the topic of surgical and non-surgical options for treating venous diseases.

The lecture series began in January and continues through May. Lectures are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the fourth floor of the DCH Medical Office Building. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend the lectures but advance registration is encouraged.

To register or receive more information, call the DCH Community Relations Department at 301-552-8060.

Those who know a woman needing help can call the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County 24-hour hotline at 301-731-1203. Information on how to make contributions to V-day are available at www.vday.org.

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she was offered a federal position in the AoA regional office on aging. After only three years, she was recruited to join the AoA central office in Washington, D.C.

She moved first to College Park and, intrigued by Greenbelt's amenities, moved into Old Greenbelt in 1976.

With 37 years now at the federal government, Tetzloff has had varied challenges, including development of an Emergency Preparedness Manual for the national aging network, tribal organizations and services providers with a focus on helping the vulnerable elderly.

Communication Is Key

"What we have learned since 9/11 is how important communication is in every emergency," she said. "We have concentrated on improving communications in a number of ways – some communities have set up registries of people who might need assistance. We've organized phone trees and buddy systems and rely heavily on computers to keep essential records and track individuals and we've improved our reporting and networking with other communities who might be able to assist."

In 2003-2004, when a series of hurricanes delivered a knockout punch to Florida with its large retiree population, Tetzloff was on the phones nearly around the clock. She was a key contact point for communications related to elder assistance – the ear, so to speak, in the eye of the storm – a role that is critical when power is out, normal communications are disrupted and basic services are unavailable for vulnerable home-bound and medically-fragile elders.

Tetzloff described the Florida hurricanes, coming in fast succession, as "my formative period with direct involvement with communication during a disaster." She added that she was involved with the Department of Health and Human Services related to medical assistance for evacuation and care of elderly Floridians. It was one time, she said, when her early training as a nurse came in handy.

States often buffeted by hurricanes and tornadoes, not surprisingly, tend to have the strongest emergency-response programs.

"After the 2003-2004 storms, Florida organized a much more disciplined response program involving citizens and all levels of government," Tetzloff noted. "Alabama also is very tuned in for the same reason. Their goal is to have 16 senior centers to serve as evacuation sites, shelters and service sites."

When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and other Gulf Coast communities in 2005, the impact was "more severe in a very concentrated area" than the Florida hurricanes," Tetzloff said. "It quickly became clear how unprepared everyone was. That was the lesson. The problems were so massive that people didn't know what to do first."

The AoA onsite staff worked 16 to 18 hours a day in the heat to help people be safe and find shelter following Katrina. Tetzloff again worked the phones nonstop to coordinate onsite efforts and "to get essential communication going so that local workers could get organized in providing for people doing hands-on assistance" for older residents.

Another lesson of Katrina was the importance of communication

technology.

"During the Florida hurricanes, we were in desperate need of satellite phones, which at that time were very expensive and not readily available," she said. Now she has a satellite-based Blackberry, which allows her to go to work immediately by telephone and email communication.

How to Prepare

Tetzloff's career has given her insight into what older people – indeed, anyone – should do to ensure they're prepared for an emergency. Communication is the top priority in emergency response, especially for first responders like the police and firefighters. "People need cell phones," she said. "And to make a list of any health conditions, current prescription medications, and the name and phone number for someone to be contacted in case of emergency. This information should be shared with a responsible family member, even if they're out of the area, and a neighbor or friend."

"To help organize information and essentials, a 'To-Go-Kit' is recommended for every household," she added. "All important information – emergency contact, health issues, medications, health and household insurance papers and cards and basic supplies can be kept in a special bag or small suitcase, easy to take if needed. Someone local – a friend or neighbor – needs to know where this information is and it needs to be up to date. Medications change and those changes can be hard to remember when times are frantic," she said. One option might be to update this list at the same time smoke alarms are tested, twice a year with the change in Daylight Saving Time.

And this is important in daily life, not just in disaster scenarios. "If someone falls and is unconscious, having someone who knows this information and can give it to the medical providers is critical to a good outcome."

If a disaster occurs, she says, "The community is the first responder – neighbors helping neighbors, the police and fire department, the Red Cross, churches and other volunteer organizations."

"Everyone should keep gas in their car, have some spare cash, along with nonperishable food such as breakfast bars, gallon jugs of water which can be added to the 'To-Go-Kit' with at least a three-day supply of prescription drugs. Hard candy, breakfast bars and canned juices are recommended," she said. A flashlight, radio, cell phone, house key, a copy of insurance papers and house insurance are also crucial. Family members should have one or more people out of the area designated to be the contact for each family, with a central place to go or call should disaster strike, she said.

Tetzloff believes that Greenbelt has the resources to respond to the needs of older people in a city-wide emergency. "Our transportation and other supportive infrastructure could be quickly activated for evacuation of elders. Having community-focused police and fire departments is a big advantage," she said.

Tetzloff describes Greenbelt as "comfortable, reasonably safe and convenient – with a fairly easy commute to downtown." Greenbelt also nurtures what she calls "my farmer's soul. I can get outdoors and be part of nature by being creative in my garden."

"I like it here," she says.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

March 12, 5:32 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, two youths approached a man as he was walking home and forcibly took his video game player. The suspects are described as two black males, 15 to 16 years of age, each wearing dark clothes and ski masks.

Assault

March 11, 12:56 a.m., Greenway Center, a security guard at CVS Pharmacy reported that he and another store employee were assaulted as they attempted to detain two suspected shoplifters. Neither employee was injured. The suspects are described as a black male 20 to 25 years of age, 6', 180 pounds with black hair and brown eyes and a medium complexion, wearing a blue and gray Wizards' hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and white sneakers; and a black male 23 to 33 years of age, 5'11", 190 pounds with black hair, a medium complexion, brown eyes and a goatee, wearing a dark green hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, white sneakers and a black hat. They fled the scene in a vehicle described as a newer model black Nissan Maxima.

Drug Arrests

March 8, 3:55 a.m., 100 block Westway, as a result of the investigation of a hit and run accident a resident man was arrested and charged with hit and run, driving under the influence and driving while impaired. He was released on citations pending trial.

Thefts

March 8, 10:40 a.m., Aquatic and Fitness Center, a duffle bag was taken from the center. Witnesses observed the following person walking out with the bag: a white male 35 to 40 years of age, 5'10" to 6'2", 170 to 200 pounds with brown hair, wearing a tan trench coat and khakis.

March 10, 5:06 p.m., Greenbelt Library, the victim was sitting in the library when a man picked up her purse. She took the purse back and the man fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a white male approximately forty years of age, 6', with brown hair, wearing a gray or green army type jacket and blue jeans.

March 10, 7:36 a.m., 5500 block Branchville Road, unknown person(s) removed equipment from a construction site.

Disorderly Conduct

March 6, 4:29 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was observed shouting obscenities at patrons at Beltway Plaza. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

March 11, 6:22 p.m., Gardenway, playground equipment was

vandalized with graffiti.

March 13, 7:56 p.m., Schrom Hills Park, the bathrooms were vandalized.

Burglaries

March 10, 1:39 p.m., 7600 block Greenbrook Drive, two nonresident youths were arrested for attempted first-degree burglary after police, responding to a report of a burglary in progress, located them in the back yard of a residence. The youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

March 12, 1:48 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) took computer equipment, stereo components and DVDs from an apartment.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a silver 2002 Dodge Caravan, Pennsylvania tags FXC161 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; and a black and silver 2006 Chrysler Sebring convertible, Maryland tags 5CCF24 from the 7400 block Frankfort Place.

Two vehicles were recovered by county police with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 8100 block Craddock Road (two incidents); 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 6900 block Greenbelt Road, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 blocks Edmonston Court, Road and Terrace; 9100 block Springhill Lane; and Beltway Plaza.

Vehicle Theft

March 8, Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a resident youth was arrested for vehicle theft and two counts of malicious destruction after police saw a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 2001 Dodge Stratus 4-door, had been reported stolen from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive. The vehicle was driven to the parking lot of Greenbelt Middle School, where the driver got out of the car and fled the area on foot. The youth was located in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road and was positively identified. He was transported to Boy's Village in Cheltenham pending action by the juvenile justice system.

March 13, Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft and driving while suspended. Police saw a suspicious occupied vehicle; a computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. Further investigation revealed that the man's license was suspended. He was released on citations pending trial.

Woman Fatally Shot Saturday

On Saturday, March 15 at approximately 11:20 p.m., police responded to a residence in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace after receiving a phone call from a third party requesting a check on the welfare of the resident(s). Responding officers found the residence secure and no answer at the door.

A short time later a second phone call was received with additional information that there could be a shooting victim inside the residence. Entry was gained and the body of a young woman was discovered, suffering from what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds.

The victim has been identified as Cindy Xiomara Sorto-Reyes, 20, of Greenbelt. The suspect, who is still at large, has been identified as Armando Sanchez, Sr., 49, of Washington, D.C. Sanchez is described as a Hispanic male, 5'7", 170 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair. He is believed to be driving a white 2001 Chevrolet work van, Maryland tags 95T395. Sanchez should be considered armed and dangerous.

The investigation is ongoing.

Readiness Classes If Disaster Strikes

If disaster struck tomorrow, many people would not know what to do. Nationwide surveys indicate that as many as 80 percent of Americans do not have a plan or know what supplies are needed in the event of a catastrophe.

The Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee can help Greenbelters get ready and be prepared.

All interested residents are invited to attend a free four-week series of preparedness training sessions designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Two separate sessions, each from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, will be conducted. On Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30, the course will be held in Room 114 and on Thursdays, April 3, 10 and 24 and May 1, the course will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Preparing by definition must come before the problem or it's too late. Join the Public Safety Advisory Committee to get ready.

School Bd. Adopts \$1.6 Billion Budget

On February 28 the Prince George's County Board of Education voted to adopt the Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget totaling \$1,678,949,746 for the next school year. The amount is \$23.7 million or 1.4 percent more than the Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget originally approved for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

WANTED

by Greenbelt City Police Dept.



WANTED: For First Degree Murder that occurred at 5913 Cherrywood Terrace #201, Greenbelt, on or about March 15, 2008, during a domestic argument.

SUSPECT: Armando Sanchez, Sr. – Hispanic male, date of birth, 7/30/58.

CONTACT: Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Bladzinski, Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2134 or 2133. Refer to case number 08-0848.

Homestead Tax Credit Application Needed

Legislation enacted by the 2007 session of the General Assembly will require homeowners to submit a one-time application in order to continue their eligibility for the homestead tax credit. The homestead credit limits the amount of assessment increase on which a homeowner will pay property taxes in that tax year on the one property actually used as the owner's principal residence. The reason why the application process was needed is because some property owners were improperly receiving the credit on vacation homes and rented properties. County and municipal governments were losing tax revenues needed to provide important services to their residents. The only way to verify residency of the homeowner is to require an application and have the filer provide his or her Social Security number.

Because of assessment increases and because of the low assessment caps adopted by the county governments, most homeowners in the state have been receiving substantial homestead credits each year on their property tax bills. Prince George's County government has been limiting assessment increases to 4 percent. If a homeowner is later made ineligible for the credit for failure to submit an application, he or she may receive a substantial increase in the property tax bill without the credit.

Property owners who do not apply for the credit won't get it. Until this year, the credit was automatically applied to all residentially assessed property. Greenbelt was reassessed in 2006 and will be reassessed in 2009. When the reassessment notices come out in 2009, notices to apply for the Homestead Tax credit will be included in the reassessment notice. Homeowners can apply sooner but do not need to. Those who currently qualify for

the Homestead Tax credit, will continue to get it until the next reassessment.

The homestead application form included in the Assessment Notice advises the homeowner that he or she can file the application electronically by going to the website of the Department of Assessment and Taxation (DAT) at www.dat.state.md.us. Each property owner's application form has a unique eight digit security "Access Number" for submitting the application on the internet. DAT also provides in the Assessment Notice a postage-paid return envelope for homeowners who want to submit the paper homestead application form. Contact the Homestead Tax Credit Division 410-767-2165 or toll free outside the Baltimore Metro area at 866-650-8783 for individual questions.

The department has a 29-year history of receiving and absolutely protecting confidential Social Security numbers and income tax return information received from hundreds of thousands of homeowners applying for the Homeowners' Tax Credit Program based on income. These same protections and additional protections will be provided to protect the confidentiality of Social Security numbers supplied on homestead tax credit applications. For those homeowners who submit applications electronically, the department's website is an "encrypted" protected site that uses the unique eight digit security "Access Number" and scrambles the individual Social Security numbers. For those homeowners who submit a paper application, there is a series of administrative procedures and protections under federal law that DAT follows in accordance with the strict non-disclosure and safeguard activities required of the agency because of its receipt of federal income tax information.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

A Review

The Mediterranean Night Was a Culinary Delight!

by John Drago

“Tutti a Tavola a Mangiare” is Italian for “let’s all go to the table and eat.” It’s a phrase that captures the spirit of Chef Karim’s Mediterranean Banquet at the New Deal Café Sunday evening March 16 except that Chef Karim Kmaiha would have exhorted us in Lebanese or his wife Maria in Portuguese. It was a Mediterranean feast all the same. And eat we did – my plates groaned with the variety and quantity.

From the moment I first learned of Chef Karim’s banquet I knew this was a “must-attend” event, something I wouldn’t miss for the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, my instincts were correct. Delicious food is one of those celebrations I continually pursue with considerable success.

Sunday’s successful pursuit included kabobs, finger foods, entrees and desserts. Vegetarian, non-vegetarian, no problem. The kabobs combined tofu squares with veggies roasted just right, moist and flavorful. In the category of finger foods, two types of “kibbeh” come to mind. One was cornbread-textured crushed wheat batter baked with a filled center of mildly spiced meat and pine nuts. The second, a pumpkin-flavored batter was filled with walnuts. Other finger foods included cheeseballs, codballs

and cheese rolls. All pastry-type items popped into one’s mouth.

The most memorable entree for me was chicken in mushroom sauce, with evidence of a French influence, served over a choice of white or brown rice. I preferred brown rice for both flavor and texture. The brown rice also absorbed the ample amounts of the sauce I spooned over it, making it even better. I also want to bring attention to the Lebanese cous cous with a presence of cilantro and hint of lemon juice.

Finally I come to the desserts! They were plentiful. Chef Karim beamed with pride as he proclaimed his wife Maria had made both the rice pudding and the flan. He and Maria have every right to be proud. Only homemade can taste this good. Flan is a cream custard and this one had a caramel sauce poured over it. I had two helpings of rice pudding and three servings of flan. When I find good food my self-discipline breaks down and enthusiasm takes over.

The celebration ended perfectly to the sounds of a Brazil 66-style band that inspired all in attendance to get up and dance in joyful abandon until after hours.

This current venture of the New Deal Café is a collaboration between Chef Karim’s new food and the Cafe’s already existing arts program. Bon appetit.

Reception for Mosaic Artist on March 28

by Diane Elliott

There will be a presentation and reception at the Greenbelt Community Center with Israeli mosaic artist Ilana Shafir on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone in Ashkelon, Israel, knows mosaic artist Ilana Shafir. Greenbelters will have the opportunity to get to know her as well at an upcoming talk at the Community Center. Those who break a clay pot, platter or vase in Shafir’s hometown bring the pieces to her. Sooner or later, the pieces will be given a new life in one of her dramatic, textured, mosaic murals and the donor’s story will be given a place in her rich trove of memories.

Shafir began her career more than six decades ago in Sarajevo, a city in the former Yugoslavia. She drew and painted portraits as a young woman, a way of thanking those who sheltered her during the holocaust. After moving to Israel she became interested in ceramics. For the last quarter century mosaics have been her passion and her large-scale work can be seen throughout Israel. Currently she is creating a mosaic garden in her own back yard.

Shafir’s approach to mosaic art is unique. “Spontaneous mosaic is a creative and dynamic dialogue between two compelling thought processes,” she explains. “One is carefully composed and calculated contemplation. The other is intuitive and unprompted expression. This dialogue is a rewarding and fascinating creative experience.” According to Bonnie Fitzgerald, a local artist who has taken workshops with Shafir, “her artistic approach is fascinating and when you hear her life story and gain an understanding of how she arrived at this form of artistic expression, your interaction with her and her work is mind altering.”



Israeli mosaic artist Ilana Shafir’s “Bird Houses.”

Shafir is the founding director of the Ashkelon Art Center, a flourishing art institute providing studio classes in various art mediums to thousands of school children and local residents. She has been named Honored Citizen of Ashkelon, a prestigious award bestowed upon her in recognition of her contributions to her

community. Her artwork has been exhibited internationally, published in many books and recognized by numerous awards.

Following Shafir’s talk about her work March 28 there will be a screening of the 30-minute documentary “The Worlds of Ilana Shafir” and a reception with the artist. Co-sponsored by Maverick Mosaics, Inc. this program is free and open to the public.

RSVPs are requested – email Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or call 240-542-2057 to indicate the number of persons who will attend the reception. The Community Center is at 15 Crescent Road.

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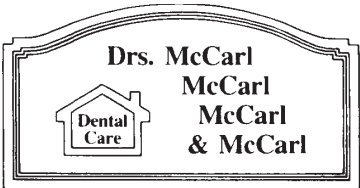
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The cast and set of “Born Yesterday,” the romantic comedy now playing through April 5 at Greenbelt Arts Center. Pictured are: Eliot Malamuth, Keith Brown, Denis Latkowski, Steve Feder, Vinnie DeGiorgio and Regina Pettko (standing); and Kateri Baker, Roy Hammond, Shirley Weaver and Bill Jones (seated).

A Review

“Born Yesterday” at GAC Is Warm, Feel-good Play

by Carol Griffith

What a great time the post-war 1940s must have been in the United States. Businessmen (and they were all men then) were not usually corrupt and greedy, a senator who accepted bribes for his vote was not yet a ho-hum topic of the news, people who sold out their ideals for money actually felt remorse and reporters felt a duty to educate their readers.

Such is the setting for “Born Yesterday,” the romantic comedy currently playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Judy Holliday won an Oscar in 1951 for her role in the film version of the play, after performing it on Broadway for four years.

Harry Brock is a hard and greedy businessman whose small junk business turned into an empire through profiting by the World War II need for scrap metal. As the play begins, he and his chorus-girl girlfriend Billie Dawn, Brock’s lawyer and cousin/business partner arrive in Washington, D.C., with a plan to buy the influence of a senator to pave the way for expanding Brock’s business to the now-devastated Europe.

After meeting the senator and his prim and proper wife, Brock realizes that Billie Dawn’s unmannered behavior hinders his success in Washington. Thus he hires a smart and idealistic reporter to educate and “refine” her with totally unexpected results. Eliot Malamuth gives Brock’s

foul and obnoxious behavior the appropriate amount of bombast and bluster.

Greenbelter Kateri Baker is a wonderful Billie Dawn, who, in spite of her humorous lines, is the most complex character of the play. Is it her lack of education and sophistication or Brock’s domination of her that causes Billie Dawn’s perceived dimwittedness? Baker gives the character the right amount of bawdy raucousness and her talent for comedic timing is evident.

Supporting actors also turn in great performances. Roy Hammond as the reporter and Bill Jones as the senator are excellent. Denis Latkowski, as Brock’s lawyer, exhibits again for GAC audiences his talent for physical comedy. As always at GAC, the lighting and sound, set and costumes (especially Baker’s) are of professional quality.

With lots of laughs, romance and a dash of patriotism, which is hard to find these days, “Born Yesterday” is great feel-good entertainment.

“Born Yesterday” will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of March 21 and 22, 28 and 29 and April 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are scheduled for March 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.

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This safety message is from the City of Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Garden Club Meets March 26

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker will be Susan Bentz of the U.S. National Arboretum, whose topic will be the American elm.

Bentz, a Beltsville resident since 1990, is currently at the National Arboretum, where she is working on the development of disease- and pest-resistant trees such as the camellia, maple, hemlock and catalpa.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free. For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733.

College Saving Plans Enrollment Now Open

The College Savings Plans of Maryland (CSPM, a state agency) announced that the 2007-2008 enrollment period for participation in the Maryland Prepaid College Trust (MPCT) is now open and will continue so through April 4, 2008.

The MPCT is one of the two Section 529 plans offered by the CSPM that give families a tax-advantaged way to save for college education savings backed by the security of a Maryland Legislative Guarantee.

The other vehicle for college savings is the Maryland College Investment Plan (MCIP), which is open for enrollment year-round and is managed and distributed by T. Rowe Price. The MCIP was recognized this year by major financial publications as one of the top five plans in the country.

Information about both the plans is available online at www.collegesavingsmd.org where a video explaining the plans can be viewed or downloaded. Information is also available by calling their toll-free number 888-4MD-GRAD (463-4723).

Maryland Offers Events Calendar

In any season, there’s a reason to visit Maryland. Boat races, music concerts, wine festivals, bike rides, crab derbies and gallery walks are but a few ways that Marylanders and visitors to the state can celebrate all Maryland has to offer. Produced by the Maryland Office of Tourism Development, a division of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the 2008 Maryland Calendar of Events features more than 800 fairs, festivals and special events.

This year Annapolis Alive! is featured throughout the calendar. Annapolis Alive! celebrates the 300th anniversary of the signing of Annapolis’ royal charter throughout the year with special events, neighborhood festivals, historical tours and more. Each Annapolis Alive! event is marked by their logo in the calendar.

To receive the free 2008 Maryland Calendar of Events by mail, call 800-719-5900 or visit www.visitmaryland.org and then click on “Order Your Maryland Vacation Travel Kit Today.” Or stop by any Maryland State Welcome Center, conveniently located on major highways throughout Maryland.

New State Law Helps Battle Identity Theft

Maryland consumers now have another line of defense in the fight against identity theft. As of January 1 Maryland residents are able to “freeze” their credit reports, stopping identity thieves before they can cause damage, joining 40 states and the District of Columbia that allow consumers to put a freeze on their credit report. The Maryland Security Freeze Law allows consumers to freeze credit reports with all three major credit reporting agencies: Transunion, Experian and Equifax.

“Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the U.S. and, unfortunately, Marylanders are not immune,” said Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler. “The ability to freeze their credit report gives consumers in Maryland a new weapon to protect themselves from identity thieves.”

Identity theft occurs through fraudulent credit accounts or even utility and phone accounts when thieves steal personal information such as name, address, social security number and use that information to open accounts in a person’s name. Often identity thieves will use their own address so consumers are unaware of the crime until they check their credit report. When a consumer places a credit freeze, the credit report is blocked. Since most retailers and financial institutions will not grant credit without first checking the credit report, once it is frozen a thief will be unable to open new lines of credit in the consumer’s name. A frozen credit report can only be accessed by the consumer or businesses with which the consumer has an existing relationship.

For more information on security freezes visit the Attorney General’s website at www.oag.state.md.us, call the Identity Theft Unit at 410-576-6574 or email idtheft@oag.state.md.us.

State Offers Nursing Home Survey, Guide

The 2007 Maryland Nursing Home Family Survey released January 22 by the Maryland Health Care Commission is now available to help consumers who need to choose a nursing care facility for themselves or a family member. All 224 Maryland nursing homes with residents who stayed at least 90 days participated in the survey.

The 2007 Maryland Nursing Home Survey rates family members’ overall assessment of the physical aspects of the nursing home, the staff, the care provided to residents, activities available, resident rights, assistance during mealtime, quality and variety of food. Complete survey results are on the Commission’s website at www.mhcc.maryland.gov. Click on “Consumers,” “Nursing Home Guide” then “2007 Family Satisfaction Survey.”

The Maryland Nursing Home Guide itself includes information on the performance, quality of care and results of recent inspection visits for more than 200 comprehensive care nursing facilities and 34 continuing care retirement communities. The guide also features information on patient rights, how to pay for nursing home care, a checklist on how to choose a nursing home and a search feature.

For further information about the Maryland Nursing Home Guide call Carol Christmyer, Long-Term Care Quality Initiative, 410-764-3575.

Arboretum Hosts Native Plant Sale

On Saturday, March 29 at the U.S. National Arboretum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., area nurseries specializing in native plants offer an extensive selection of native perennials, shrubs and trees. The program is sponsored by Friends of the National Arboretum and is free to the public. For more information visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-2726.

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Value City Store Slated to Close

The Value City store in Beltway Plaza is slated to close soon as part of a corporate restructuring by the new owners of the chain. According to the Baltimore Sun, only the store on Solomon's Island Road will remain open in Maryland.

In January the chain was sold to VCHI Acquisition Company of Ohio, which decided to close approximately 25 percent of the Value City stores nationwide.

When reached by the News Review, Kap Kapistan, manager of Beltway Plaza, stated that Beltway Plaza continues to be an active and busy shopping center with all retail spaces occupied at this time. He noted that the 110,000 sq. ft. space now housing Value City is being evaluated by other retailers and he is confident in the future, noting that Plaza patrons "have the wherewithal to purchase" unlike in many other retail markets. Kapistan hinted there might still be a chance that the Greenbelt Value City store would remain open. At the same time he noted that there has been an unusual amount of publicity about ongoing sales.

(Elaine Skolnik and Kathie Jarva contributed to this article.)

Patuxent Refuge Birding Programs

The Patuxent Refuge in Laurel offers two public programs in the coming week of special interest to birders. On Monday, March 24 from 8 to 10 a.m. everyone over 15 is invited to a birdwalk. This is a guided walk that will leave from the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

The center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. While the center itself is closed for repairs, programs will continue and the grounds will remain open until 4:30 p.m. daily except federal holidays.

The second program this week will take place on Sunday, March 30 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the North Tract site, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. All ages are invited to attend an interactive session entitled "Miracle of Migration." Learn about where birds go in the winter and how they get there. Dress for the outdoors and bring binoculars. All programs are free but advance reservations must be made by calling 301-497-5582.

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This 2 br towhome has fresh paint, refinished floors, new sink, counter-top and stove. Fenced backyard - backs to playground. **JUST \$155,000**

Townhome With Garage
Just steps away from Roosevelt Center. 2 bedroom townhome with attached garage. Seller offering to pay 6 months of Coop Fee. \$212,895

Greenbriar
One bedroom condominium with washer & dryer. Neutral carpet throughout. Lots of closet space and balcony with great view. \$179,000

Townhome With Garage
Large 2 bedroom block townhome & garage with electric and heat. Fenced backyard opens onto large open space & playground. \$209,900

Corner Lot
UNDER CONTRACT
2 br townhome on corner lot with detached garage, all new paint and more. Ample yard space with shed. Ready to go! \$175,000

One Bedroom - Cheaper Than Rent
UNDER CONTRACT
When you're buying a home, you want to make sure you're getting the best value for your money. This 1 br townhome is a bargain at \$168,990.

Remodeled Townhome
Stainless steel appliances, custom cabinets & matching hutch, landscaped front & back yards & more in this 2 br. townhome. \$170,000

2 Bedroom Townhome
Updated kitchen w/flat top stove, built-in microwave, ceramic floor tile and modern cabinets; - modern bathroom, too. Roomy shed. \$175,000

Renovated Cape Cod Home
Refinished hardwood floors and lots of exposed woodwork. Upstairs laundry room. Separate dining room; 3br & 2 full baths. \$329,995

Woodlark
UNDER CONTRACT
Large 2 br townhome on a quiet street, close to the VFW and distance to Magnolia Elementary School. Priced to sell at \$312,000.

Greenbriar
This is the best-priced condo on the market! Lots of improvements - extra den, priced thousands below the competition! Value! \$174,900

2 Bedroom Townhome
UNDER CONTRACT
GHI townhome with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, detached garage and bath room. All new carpet, wood floors, new kitchen. \$175,000

Shady Grove Village
UNDER CONTRACT
Shows like a model home! 3 levels, 2 br, 2 full & 2 half baths. More than \$50,000 in new kitchen, bathroom, and more. \$299,900

Your Greenbelt Specialists

Four Greenbelters Honored by County BG&C

by Rita A. Jordan

On March 3 four Greenbelt residents were honored at the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club 2008 Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet was held at the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Hall in Bowie.

Greenbelt resident Sean Flanagan was honored as the 2008 Boy of the Year. Tyler Murray was honored as the 2008 Girl of the Year. William Winfield and Laurell Voglezon were presented with the 2008 Adult Distinguished Service Award for three and two years of service, respectively.

Flanagan

Sean Flanagan is a 15-year-old sophomore at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He has been a Greenbelt resident since birth and has been a member of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club (GBGC) for 10 years. In the past 10 years he has played soccer, football, baseball and basketball for the GBGC. He currently plays basketball for the 18 and under team and is one of the starting players. This is his second year with the team.

Sean has also played baseball for the Greenbelt Little League from the age of 7 to 12 and has played for the Greenbelt Babe Ruth League as well. He is currently employed at the Greenbelt Youth Center part time and volunteers at the Prince George's County Elks Lodge 1778.

In his spare time Sean enjoys shooting hoops, playing ping pong, playing golf and cheering for family members in their sporting events. He enjoys volunteering his time whenever and wherever he is needed. He enjoys spending time with friends and most importantly spending time with family members. He is a very well-rounded person. Sean's brother JD (a GBGC alumnus) is a student at Frostburg University. His parents, Danny and Karen Flanagan, are extremely proud of Sean and his accomplishments. In the future Sean plans on going to college to further his education and hopes to one day fulfill his dreams of working at ESPN as a sportscaster.

Murray

Tyler McKenzie Murray is an honor roll student at Samuel Ogle Middle School in Bowie and is a member of the Samuel Ogle Chorus. Tyler was born and raised in Greenbelt and lives with her mother Veronica, father Anthony, brother Anthony II and



Honorees from Greenbelt at the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club annual awards banquet were, left to right, Tyler Murray, 2008 Girl of the Year; Laurell Voglezon, Adult Distinguished Service; Sean Flanagan, 2008 Boy of the Year; and William Winfield, Adult Distinguished Service.

sister Alexis. Tyler is a member of the Girls of Character Ministry sponsored by Woodstream Baptist Church, where she is groomed and mentored as a Girl of Dignity. She worships at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden. Tyler has continued her participation in GBGC activities along with her hobbies of gymnastics, swimming, golf and house chores. Since pre-school Tyler would go to the GBGC, tagging along with her older brother Anthony. Once at the club, she started her participation with T-ball.

Tyler began her cheerleading career as a Greenbelt Lady Raider. During the 2004-2005 basketball season, her intramural basketball team completed the season as the intramural champions; Tyler was named most valuable defensive player. She was also selected as a Greenbelt representative in the 2005 Intramural All Star Basketball team.

For the 2005-2006 season, Tyler continued participation with the Lady Raider cheerleaders who won the cheerleading competition with the first-place title as the county champions for the division.

In addition, the 2006 basketball season was a repeat for Tyler's basketball career. She was again named the 2006 most valuable defensive player, her basketball team won the Intramural Division Championship and she represented Greenbelt as an all star in the All Star games. Tyler completed the Greenbelt cheerleading competition

season by representing Greenbelt in individual jump competitions. Parents Veronica and Tony are thankful for Tyler's life experiences, lessons learned and the unconditional support received at GBGC.

Voglezon

Laurell Voglezon has been a member since 2006. She started volunteering with the club during the winter of 2006, her son's first year playing basketball. Voglezon became the assistant commissioner for the intramural basketball program during that season. In 2007 she was elected to the board of directors and elected treasurer of the club. She continues to serve in that capacity. Voglezon was also the chairperson of the ways and means committee and a member of the banquet committee. She has served as the team parent for whatever team her son was on.

Winfield

William Winfield has been a member of GBGC since August 2005. In 2007 he coached three basketball teams (14U, 13U and intramurals) simultaneously. He participated on the board of directors and was elected as vice president and eventually assumed the position of president. He served as the football commissioner and was head coach of the 95-lb. football team. Winfield also served on the bylaws committee, the banquet committee and was head of public relations. He continues to volunteer numerous hours to the club while serving in the above capacities.

Frequent Flier Miles Make Wishes Real

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc., a non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of local children fighting life-threatening medical conditions, needs frequent flier miles to help make wishes come true. Make-A-Wish has fulfilled more than 5,500 wishes for children in Maryland, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia and Delaware since its founding in 1983.

When Make-A-Wish volunteers ask a child about his or her greatest wish, very often the response begins, "I want to go" More than 67 percent of all wishes granted by the foundation involve travel.

Most major airlines allow members of their frequent traveler programs to donate their unused miles to charity. The foundation estimates it will need more than 2.5 billion frequent flier miles to fulfill every Wish child's travel request this year.

For a complete listing of participating airlines and detailed contribution procedures visit www.wish.org and click on "Giving" or call 800-722-WISH (9474).

Mall Kite Festival Is Next Saturday

The 42nd Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival will be held on Saturday, March 29 on the grounds of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date: March 30). This free public event, organized by the Smithsonian and National Air and Space Museum, features kite displays, demonstrations and handmade kite competitions.

For more information visit www.kitefestival.org or call 202-633-3030.

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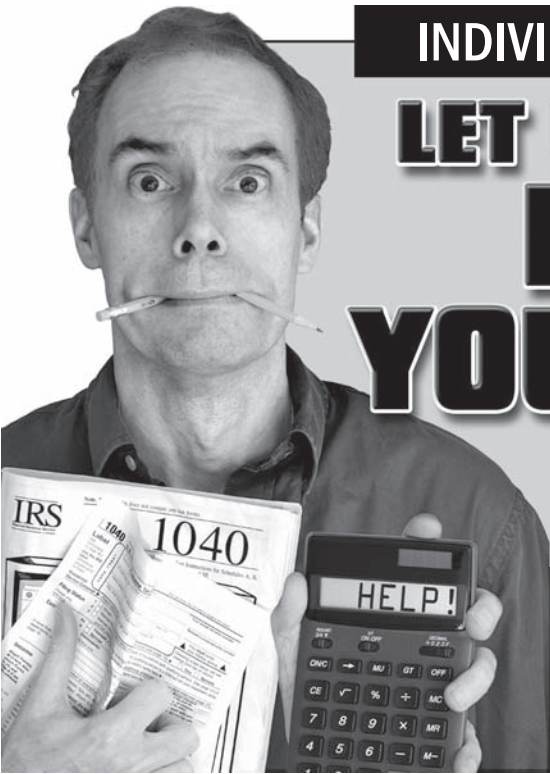
Call for Candidates

Interested in serving on the GHI Board of Directors or Audit Committee? Four Board seats will be filled at the May 15th election, as will be all three members of the Audit Committee.

GHI Nominations and Elections Committee is "LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS" to run for elected offices this year. An information packet including the necessary form is available at GHI's offices or can be downloaded from the GHI members' website. Visit <http://ghi.coop/about.htm> and click on "Nominations & Elections Committee." You can even arrange a cheerful personal delivery by phoning Marjorie Gray at 301-474-6224.

NEW THIS YEAR – An orientation meeting for prospective Board and Audit Committee members will be held early April at the GHI Office.

All members will have an opportunity to hear the candidates' ideas and qualifications and have their questions answered at the Candidate Forum to be held May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.



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